

## Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council

### Agenda

**Meeting Date:** September 14, 2020 via Zoom

**Message to the Public:** Please email any comments to Debbie Hohler by Sept 10. [Dhohler@mt.gov](mailto:Dhohler@mt.gov). All comments will be sent to the council on Friday, Sept. 11, and reviewed at the meeting. Thank you for your interest in the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program.

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### Objectives

- 1) Report FY20 updates to the Council, including expenditures, obligations, and balances.
- 2) Provide Council with a summary of program accomplishments and regional updates for the 2020 field season.
- 3) Program updates and statuses: *VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships*.
- 4) Review proposed revisions to strategic plan. .
- 5) Guest presentations: Aaron Clausen (CRP updates), Lorelle Berkeley (research updates).
- 6) Receive Council's feedback for the 2020 field season.
- 7) Review of public comment via email submitted— at 3 pm. By Friday send comments to council

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9:00 am	Meeting begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Roll call, Introductions (Noland)</li><li>◆ Meeting highlights, overview, and acceptance of March 23, 2020 minutes (Noland)</li></ul>
9:15 am	Division/Legislative update (Ken McDonald)
9:30 am	Program summary for FY 20 (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Balances, expenditures, and obligations</li><li>◆ Program enrollments during 2020 field season, VPA-HIP, partnerships, FY 21 enrollment selection.</li></ul>
10:00 am	Strategic Plan Implementation and work plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Evan Rodgers (R4), Ken Plourde (R6), Justin Hughes (R7)</li><li>◆ Dave Nikonow (NWTF), Habitat Forever (Matt O'Connor), and Farm Bill Biologists (Erin Fairbank, Hunter VanDonsel, Aaron Clausen, Heather Bower).</li></ul>
12:00 pm	Break for lunch
12:30 pm	Council discussion on proposed revisions to the pheasant release statute and Council membership statute. Defining a plan forward.

1:00 pm	Discussion on current version of the UGBEP Strategic Plan. Review sections where updating is needed (Council and Department). Revisions will be prepared end of 2020 and provided to Council early 2021.
2:00 pm	CRP Updates (Aaron Clausen)
2:30 pm	Summary of upland game bird research (Lorelle Berkeley)
3:00 pm	Review public comments
3:30 pm	Schedule 2021 Council meetings.

#### **Helpful Info**

**Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736>**